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1. GA PLENARY -- MIDDLE EAST

FOURTEEN ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS SPOKE IN THE GA DEC. 7 ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, RESTATING WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS IN RELATIVELY TEMPERATE AND SINGULARLY UNIMAGINATIVE STATEMENTS. SPEAKERS WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF: GREECE, NETHERLANDS (FOR EC-9), BANGLADESH, BYELORUSSIA, IRAN, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA, PLO, MAURITANIA, SWEDEN, CAMEROON, CUBA, BURUNDI AND SOMALIA. IN A.M. DEC. 8 THE GA WILL TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SYG, FOLLOWING THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION DEC. 7 TO RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF WALDHEIM FOR A SECOND TERM OF OFFICE FROM JAN. 1, 1977 TO DEC. 31, 1981.

DUTCH AMB KAUFMANN, ON BEHALF EC-9, URGED THAT THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY BE GRASPED AND GREATEST EFFORTS MADE TO FIND WAY AROUND OBSTACLES. CITING RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AS ONLY AGREED FRAMEWORK FOR ACHIEVING PEACE, HE OPPOSED ANY UNILATERAL ATTEMPT TO DETRACT FROM THEM. MODERATE AND STEREOTYPED CUBAN SPEECH (ALARCON) EMPHASIZED RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS AND DESIRABILITY OF RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PLO PARTICIPATION (UN NOT MENTIONED). PLO (TERZI) REITERATED PREVIOUSLY-EXPRESSED VIEWS, REVIEWED AT LENGTH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WHICH HAD SET A NEW DEFINED COURSE, AND CONCLUDED WITH ACCUSATION UNCLASSIFIED

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US OBSTRUCTS THE PEACE EFFORTS THROUGH MILITARY AID AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. (USUN 5960)

GREECE CONSIDERED THAT THE NONALIGNED RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED THE ELEMENTS FOR A JUST AND FAIR SETTLEMENT. CUBA AND BURUNDI SUPPORTED THE TWO RESOLUTIONS. SWEDEN (RYDBECK) SAID THE GA SHOULD TRY TO REACH DECISIONS BASED ON BROAD SUPPORT; HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS WOULD NOT BENEFIT ANY

OF THE PARTIES. HE CALLED FOR A WILL TO COMPROMISE BY BOTH SIDES, AND SAID ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS, MUST RECOGNIZE CHARTER PRINCIPLES. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE ARMS RACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST BE HALTED. IRAN CONSIDERED RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 REMAINED MOST REALISTIC FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS. TUNISIA THOUGH IT WAS UP TO ISRAEL'S ALLIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE US, TO LEAD ISRAEL TO ACCEPT REALITY. BYELORUSSIA OPPOSED "PARTIAL DEALS."

2. COMMITTEE 1 --DECLARATION RE STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

DEC. 7 DISCUSSION CONTINUED IN COMMITTEE 1 ON DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. MALTA AND POLAND ADDRESSED ITEM. GAUCI (MALTA) ATTACKED HYPERCRITICAL BEHAVIOR ON DISARMAMENT. HE DECLARED DELS MAKE ANNUAL "ABSENT-MINDED GENUFLECTIONS" BEFORE NOBLE IDEAS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, AND CLAIMED HELSINKI AGREEMENTS HAD SOME VALUE FOR BIG POWERS BUT PURELY THEORETICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR SMALL UNARMED COUNTRIES. HE SPOKE OF EXCESSIVE SUPERPOWER PRESENCE IN MEDITERRANEAN, STATING AGREEMENTS ACHIEVED REFLECT SUPER-POWER "TRAFFIC CODE OF CONDUCT" DESIGNED TO PREVENT HARASSMENT OF ONE ANOTHER. HE CALLED ON SUPERPOWERS TO HONOR TRUE SECURITY OBLIGATIONS. PAWLAK (POLAND) ASSERTED THAT DETENTE EXERTED VITAL INFLUENCE UPON ALL STATES, MENTIONED NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, AND STRESSED THAT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY HINGED UPON UNIVERSAL RESPECT AND RENUNCIATION OF POLICY BASED ON STRENGTH. HE REVIEWED POLISH EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DETENTE AND SUPPORTED ANY MULTILATERAL OR "CONSTRUCTIVE" INITIATIVES. INTERNATIONAL SECURITY WAS ALSO LINKED TO SEEDBEDS OF CONFLICT, HE CONTINUED, AND CITED NEED TO RESUME GENEVA TALKS ON MIDDLE EAST AND SOLUTIONS IN CYPRUS AND KOREA.

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3. SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE--PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS

SPC HEARD EIGHT DELS ON DEC. 7 IN DEBATE ON COMMITTEE 33 REPORT RE PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS. MOST EXPRESSED IMPATIENCE WITH LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD CONSENSUS ON PEACE-KEEPING GUIDELINES BUT PUSHED FOR CONTINUED EFFORT. SOBER (US) COMMENTED ON RECENT UN PEACE-KEEPING SUCCESSES WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE GUIDELINES ADOPTION. NORWAY ACCENTED UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF COLLECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. FINNISH DEL SHARED IMPATIENCE OVER C-33 PROBLEMS AND VIVIDLY DEPICTED ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY SITUATION. HE CITED SOME OVERDUE TROOP CONTRIBUTOR REIMBURSEMENTS -- SOMETIMES YEARS OVERDUE. CANADA EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER PREVAILING DIFFERENCES WITHIN C-33. PEACE-KEEPING FORCES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

BY ACTIONS DESIGNED TO REACH LASTING SOLUTION AND UNEF AND
UNDOF COULD SERVE AS PRECEDENT SETTING MODELS. YUGOSLAVIA
SUGGESTED C-33 MEET MORE FREQUENTLY TO ACHIEVE GUIDELINES
AND OUTLINED FIVE AGREEMENTS WITH HOST COUNTRY FOR OPERATIONS.
BRAZIL ALSO SUPPORTED INCREASED SESSIONS FOR C-33. UK
ACKNOWLEDGED GENERAL IMPATIENCE OVER C-33 PROGRESS,
BUT CAUTIONED THAT ISSUE REPRESENTS ONE OF MOST SENSITIVE UN
EFFORTS. SIMILAR TO CANADIAN CONCERN, BANGLADESH STATED
OPERATIONS LOSE MEANING IF THEY PRESERVE STATUS QUO. END GOAL
REMAINS JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH
ALL MEMBERS. SPC CONTINUES THIS FINAL ITEM ON DEC. 8TH.

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4. COMMITTEE 3 -- DECADE FOR WOMEN

IN COMMITTEE 3 DISCUSSION OF DECADE FOR WOMEN, 35 REPS
ADDRESSED TOPIC ON DEC. 7. ALL INDICATED SUPPORT FOR DECADE,
MANY MENTIONING RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC EFFORTS. AMONG BLAND
STATEMENTS, REMARKS WERE MADE ON PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN AND COMMENTARY ON STATUS. UK DEL STATED
SEX EQUALITY IS NOT EASY TO ATTAIN AND ALLUDED TO "ADVERSE
CONSEQUENCES" OF LOOSENING BOND BETWEEN MOTHER AND CHILD.
ILO REP CITED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POTENTIAL OF RURAL WOMEN
WHO MUST SHARE IN BENEFIT PROGRAMS. UK, BELGIUM, ISRAEL, PORTUGAL,
LESOTHO, PAKISTAN, MAURITANIA, US, ZAIRE, PERU, SUDAN, AND
AUSTRIA ALL ENDORSED INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCEMENT OF
WOMEN, NOTING IRAN'S OFFER TO HOST. IN STATEMENT, NEPAL
SPECIFICALLY NAMED DOMESTIC LAW ADJUSTMENTS ON STATUS OF
WOMEN; MARRIAGE, ADOPTION, RAPE, DIVORCE, WOMEN'S ESTATE LAWS
WERE AMONG CHANGES. POSTON (US) RECALLED MANY OF RIGHTS WOMEN HAVE,
HAD BEEN WON AT GREAT COST. SHE SPOKE OF NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS
WITHIN UN ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S POSITION AND
SAID THAT FULL INTEGRATION SHOULD BE UN PRIORITY NOT DEPENDENT SOLELY
UPON CONTRIBUTIONS OF A FEW NATIONS.

5. COMMITTEE 4 -- NAMIBIA, RHODESIA

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED DEBATE ON NAMIBIA DEC. 6, HEARING
STATEMENTS BY 12 MEMBERS AND THE PLO. DEC. 7 THE UK MADE OPENING
STATEMENT ON RHODESIA, AND THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED EIGHT
DRAFT PROPOSALS ON NAMIBIA. MAURITIUS INTRODUCED SEVEN OF THE
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND FINLAND THE EIGHTH.

RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS), INTRODUCING THE SEVEN RESOLUTIONS ON
NAMIBIA, SAID ALL HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE AFRICAN AND NONALIGNED
GROUPS. (THE LONGEST AND MOST DETAILED, 22 POWER (L. 30),
WOULD INTER ALIA REAFFIRM THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE OF
THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA BY ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL AGAINST
SOUTH AFRICA'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND RECOGNIZE SWAPO AS THE

SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE; CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA, THE WINDHOEK TALKS, ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS, ETC.,; CALL FOR FREE ELECTIONS URGENTLY; AND URGE THE SC TO IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO. AMONG OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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DRAFTS INTRODUCED WERE ONES RELATING TO: PROGRAM OF WORK OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA; INTENSIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF UN ACTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMIBIA; ACTION BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH RESPECT TO NAMIBIA; DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON NAMIBIA; AND OBSERVER STATUS FOR SWAPO.)

SPEAKING ON RHODESIA, UK REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS (HEAD OF CHANCERY) REVIEWED EVENTS OF PAST EIGHT MONTHS, REITERATED UK PRECONDITIONS FOR A SOLUTION, AND REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS NOT DESIGNED TO SOLVE ALL OF RHODESIA'S PROBLEMS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, BUT "TO SET UP AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT TO SEE RHODESIA THROUGH A DIFFICULT TRANSITIONAL PERIOD." HE "WHOLEHEARTEDLY" SUPPORTED MAINTENANCE OF SANCTIONS "UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ILLEGAL REGIME HAS GIVEN WAY TO AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT" THAT WILL LEAD THE COUNTRY TO INDEPENDENCE. HE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN SOME "INFORMAL MEETINGS" CONCERNING THE STRUCTURE OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WITH "THOSE DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ADDRESS IT." HE RULED OUT ANY BRITISH MILITARY PRESENCE OR COLONIAL GOVERNMENT, BUT SAID THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WAS NOW AT A CRUCIAL STAGE AND HIS GOVERNMENT STOOD READY "TO ASSUME WHATEVER ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY WE SEE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE BY MARCH, 1978, OR EARLIER." (USUN 5968)

IN DEBATE ON NAMIBIA, MOST SPEAKERS STATED NO POLITICAL SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE WITHOUT SWAPO'S PARTICIPATION. AMONG THOSE REGRETTING THE TRIPLE VETO WERE SWEDEN, LIBERIA AND AFGHANISTAN. SANCTIONS WERE FAVORED BY SWEDEN, NIGER, AFGHANISTAN, MOZAMBIQUE, AND NIGERIA.

SKOTTSBERG-AHMAN (SWEDEN) HOPED THAT WHEN THE SC NEXT REVIEWED NAMIBIA DEVELOPMENTS A NEW ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS. SWEDEN WAS ALSO PREPARED TO SUPPORT FURTHER MEASURES SUCH AS BAN ON NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA. EVEN IF THE TRIPLE VETO WAS NOT AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICIES, PRETORIA WOULD NO DOUBT REGARD IT AS SUCH, SHE SAID.

KHARLAMOV (SOVIET UNION) SAID IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE TRIPLE UNCLASSIFIED

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VETO CONCRETE MEASURES COULD HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA WAS FOR PRETORIA TO WITHDRAW AND TRANSFER POWER TO SWAPO. BUT HOW WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE, HE ASKED, GIVEN THE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INTERESTS IN NAMIBIA BY CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES? MONOPOLIES EARNING LARGE PROFITS WOULD NOT LAVE VOLUNTARILY. SOUTH AFRICA RECEIVED FROM WESTERN SOURCES, PARTICULARLY NATO MEMBERS, \$1 BILLION AND \$22 MILLION WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS. THE WINDHOEK CONFERENCE WAS "A SPECTACLE TO DIVERT ATTENTION." THE WAY OUT OF THIS SITUATION WAS TO HELP SWAPO BY EXTENDING MATERIAL AND MORAL ASSISTANCE TO IT, HE SAID, ADDING THAT A TRANSFER OF POWER MUST BE AGREED TO QUICKLY.

KHAN (MOZAMBIQUE) SAID IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN WHAT THE GOOD SERVICES OF US DIPLOMACY WOULD BRING. HE HOPED IT WOULD RESULT IN A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. REAFFIRMING UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR SWAPO, HE STATED THE SC MUST IMPOSE A COMPULSORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. THE ONLY SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE WAS TRUE INDEPENDENCE BASED ON THE MAJORITY WILL OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

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INDIAN REP UNNIKRISSHANN, SPEAKING OF FLOW OF WESTERN ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA, SAID THERE WERE REPORTS MARCONI COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, LTD., SUPPLIED AN ELECTRONIC SENSOR SYSTEM AND WAS CONSTRUCTING A MONITORING SYSTEM THAT HAD TURNED THE WHOLE OF NORTHERN NAMIBIA INTO AN ELECTRONIC BATTLEFIELD. OTHER REPORTS INDICATED A VERY MODERN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIED CALLED V 150 COMMAND, PRODUCED ONLY BY CADILLAC GAGE COMPANY IN DETROIT, FOUND ITS WAY TO NAMIBIA; THAT "PRO-SOUTHWEST AFRICA FOUNDATION" HAS BEEN FORMED BY DE-BEERS AND RIO TINTO ZINC AMONG OTHERS TO PROPAGATE THE BLESSINGS OF TURNHALLE, AND A LEADING AMERICAN PR FIRM PSYCOMM HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE ON THIS FRONT. INDIA WELCOMED THE IDEA OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA HOLDING HEARINGS ON THE PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF NAMIBIAN URANIUM. WITHOUT EFFECTIVE UN ACTION TO ENSURE SOUTH AFRICA'S WITHDRAWAL, NAMIBIANS WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO INTENSIFY ARMED STRUGGLE.

PLO EMPHASIZED THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, DESCRIBED EXPLOITATION AND DEPLETION OF NATURAL WEALTH OF NAMIBIA AS A CRIME, SUPPORTED SWAPO'S POSITION, AND COMPARED SOUTH AFRICAN MANEUVERS WITH THOSE OF THE ZIONISTS. BROOKS-RANDOLPH (LIBERIA) FELT THE THREE COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED THE SC EFFORTS MUST ACCEPT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR

THE SUFFERING AND HARDSHIPS IMPOSED ON THE NAMIBIANS.
EL-ZOEBY (EGYPT) INCLUDED AS PART OF EGYPT'S POSITION RIGHT OF
NAMIBIANS TO RECEIVE FULL FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR PILLAGE OF
THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. GARRIGUE-GUYONNAUD (FRANCE) SAID
IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO HOLD FREE ELECTIONS UNDER UN CONTROL.
(REPEATED INFO LONDON, MAPUTO, NEW DELHI, PRETORIA, TEL AVIV)

6. COMMITTEE 5 -- SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

IN THE VOTE ON THE OPEC-SPONSORED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SCALE OF
ASSESSMENTS, ALL OPEC COSPONSORS VOTED AGAINST THEIR
DRAFT, EXPLAINING THAT THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION HAD BEEN
TOTALLY MUTILATED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE CANADIAN AMENDMENT
WHICH DECIDED TO ADOPT THE NEW SCALE RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE
ON CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1977-78. THE COMMITTEE DEVOTED THE
ENTIRE MEETING DEC. 6 TO THAT RESOLUTION AND ITS AMENDMENTS,
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CONTRIBUTIONS CALLING FOR ADOPTION OF NEW SCALE FOR 1977-79 BECAUSE
KUWAIT'S MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT WAS APPROVED 58-32(US, MOST WEO'S,
EE'S)-9. THE MOTION HAD BEEN SUPPORTED BY ZAMBIA AND OPPOSED BY
THE US AND USSR. (USUN 5952)

WHEN NIGHT MEETING CONVENED DEC. 7, PAKISTAN MOVED
ADJOURNMENT, AND FOLLOWING SEVERAL POINTS OF ORDER -- ONE
BY US (ROSENSTOCK) STRESSING DECISIONS REACHED SEVERAL DAYS AGO MUST
BE OBSERVED -- THE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED.

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